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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

August 27, 1952

General Walter B. Smith
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: John Paton Davies, Jr.

Dear General Smith:

This is to confirm the results of our conversations of August 26, 1952, with Mr. Allen Dulles and Mr. Loftus Becker of your Agency, concerning the above-entitled matter.

Messrs. Dulles and Becker were advised that in the event it developed that the matter should be presented to a grand and petit jury it would be necessary for the Department of Justice to make available as witnesses certain former and present agents of your organization. They were further advised that in such an event there would be a disclosure of the nature of the operation which was under consideration by your Agency and the State Department at the time of the meetings between Davies and your agents. Finally, they were advised that it would of necessity mean the disclosure of the identity of not only [redacted] but also the identities of [redacted]

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It is my understanding that the official position of your Agency is that nothing should be undertaken by the Department of Justice by way of prosecutive action which would tend to disclose the identities of your agents and further that nothing should be undertaken along such lines which would lead to the disclosure of the nature of the operation which was under discussion at the meetings between Davies and your representatives.

It is also my understanding that you have no objection to appropriate private interviews with [redacted] provided that such interviews do not lead to the public disclosure of their identities or of the nature of the operation discussed at the above-mentioned meetings.

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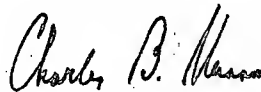
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It will be appreciated if, at your earliest convenience,
you will confirm the above.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General



CHARLES B. MURRAY
Assistant Attorney General

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